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In re Application of :
McNICHOLL *et al* :
Application No.: 10/538,675 :
PCT No.: PCT/US2003/005347 :
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Priority Date: 09 December 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: IPG-051112 :
For: A DEVICE FOR TEMPORARILY :
SHIELDING THE END OF A SURGICAL :
INSTRUMENT SHARP :

COMMUNICATION

Applicants identified the international application as PCT/US2003/005347 on the transmittal letter (PTO-1390) filed in the above-captioned application on 09 June 2005. As such, the Office processed the application as the national stage of PCT/US2003/005347.

However, the international publication filed by applicants with the original papers is for PCT/GB2003/005347. WIPO records show that the title and applicants of the subject application correspond to PCT/GB2003/005347.

Applicants submitted a new transmittal letter on 03 February 2009 listing the international application as PCT/GB2003/005347. This is not sufficient. A petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182 is required to correct the papers submitted with the requisite \$400.00 petition fee.

Applicants have **TWO (2) MONTHS** to respond. Extensions of time are available. Failure to respond will result in the **ABANDONMENT** of the application.

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